

REMARKS

Claims 5-11, 13, 15-18, and 20-24 are pending in the present application.

Claims 7, 8, 10, 13, 21, 22, and 24 stand objected to.

Claims 5, 6, 9, 11, 15-18, 20, and 23 stand rejected.

Claims 5, 17, and 18 have been amended to correct inadvertent grammatical or typographical errors, and do not alter the scope of the claims. It is believed that these amendments are enterable because they place the claims in better condition for appeal.

Claims 7, 8, 10, 13, 21, 22, and 24 have been amended to rewrite each claim in independent form, including any intermediate dependent claims. Applicants respectfully submit that amendments place Claims 7, 8, 10, 13, 21, 22, and 24 in condition for allowance.

No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Consideration and entry of the amendments pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §41.33(b)(2) are respectfully requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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